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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR

SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES IN GRAND TURK

1. CAR COUNTRY DIRECTOR HEAVNER CALLED IN UK FIRST SECRETARY JOE MILLINGTON JULY 14 TO PROPOSE INFORMALLY THAT THE 1961 AGREEMENT COVERING THE U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE TURKS & CAICOS (ETR, NAVFAC, AND LORAN) BE EXTENDED ELEVEN YEARS BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES. HEAVNER SAID TERMS OF OLD AGREEMENT SATISFACTORY TO U.S. AND COULD BE EXTENDED WITHOUT CHANGE.

2. MILLINGTON RESPONDED THAT THE GOTC AND THE UK ARE WORKING ON A SMALL PACKAGE OF REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING REPAIR OF SOME ROADS, RETURN OF UNUSED LANDS, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND ACCESS TO BASE TELEVISION FACILITIES. HE ADDED THAT GOTC WOULD ALSO WANT ANNUAL RENTAL.

3. HEAVNER SAID THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT FEEL RENTAL CHARGES ARE APPROPRIATE, CITING THE USUAL CLOSE COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE UK AND THE U.S. ON DEFENSE MATTERS. AS FOR RENT PAYMENTS TO THE GOTC,

THE TURKS AND CAICOS ARE A UK CROWN COLONY AND THEREFORE

THE COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UK. HEAVNER ALSO NOTED WE PAY NO RENT FOR SIMILAR FACILITIES IN ASCENCION ISLAND AND BERMUDA. HEAVNER INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO CONSIDER RETURN OF SOME UNUSED LANDS AND PERHAPS LIMITED ROAD REPAIRS AS ENVISAGED UNDER THE OLD 1961 AGREEMENT.

4. MILLINGTON SAID THAT WHEN IT IS READY HE WOULD PROVIDE THE GOTC/UK POSITION INFORMALLY, SO THE U.S. COULD REVIEW THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. HEAVNER AGREED, STRESSING HOWEVER THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITION ON RENTAL CHARGES, I.E. WE ARE NOT CONSIDERING PAYING RENT. VANCE

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